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*Report from Calcutta.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Sprague reports, April 28, as follows:

I have the honor to report that during the week ended April 23, 1904, bill of health was issued to steamship *Nuenfels*, bound for Boston and New York, with a total crew of 64. The effects of 38 Lascars were disinfected, and the usual precautions were taken to kill rats and later prevent their entrance into ship.

*Decline in plague.*

During the week ended April 23, 1904, the number of deaths from plague fell to 440, and the last daily report obtainable showed 35 deaths. The decline is progressing with little, if any, interruption. While the number of deaths from cholera has fallen to 102, the disease is still considered epidemic. It is, however, confined to the native population.

## ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Bovine plague in Egypt—Plague in the Transvaal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, May 9, as follows: During the week ended May 7, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
May 1	Palatia.....	New York.....	1,661	300	1,479	14
2	Il Piemonte.....	do.....	538	45	715	12
4	Citta di Napoli.....	do.....	899	120	1,125	37
5	Patria.....	do.....	555	75	840	9
6	Grosser Kurfurst.....	do.....				
6	König Albert.....	do.....	1,425	200	1,766	11

*Bovine plague in Egypt.*

In addition to bubonic plague it is reported that bovine plague is very widespread in Egypt. Severe precautionary measures are being taken, but owing to the nomadic character of the population the results, it is said, are unsatisfactory as far as the cattle disease is concerned. According to reports Egypt is also menaced this year with an invasion of locusts. In certain districts the government has ordered the destruction of the eggs left by the clouds of these insects that have already made their visitation. Under the direction of experts sent out by the ministry of the interior almost the entire population of some sections of Egypt is engaged in destroying the eggs.

*Bubonic plague in Transvaal.*

Telegraphic reports from Johannesburg state that 2 cases of bubonic plague were verified May 5 in the center of the city. The central market of Johannesburg has been quarantined.